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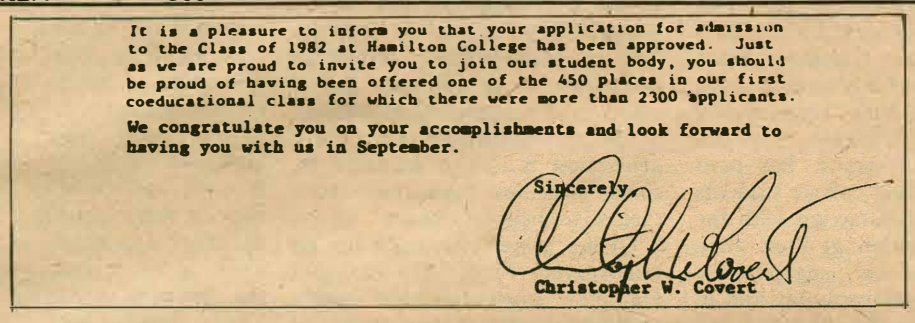

It is a pleasure to inform you that your application for admission to the Class of 1982 at Hamilton College has been approved. Just as we are proud to invite you to join our student body, you should be proud of having been offered one of the 450 places in our first coeducational class for which there were more than 2300 applicants.

We congratulate you on your accomplishments and look forward to having you with us in September.

Sincerely,

Christopher W. Covert

Ups and Downs for Hamilton Admissions

The Hamilton admissions office has recently wound up the annual admissions process, surviving what has been characterized as a tumultuous year. However, the trauma of the merging of the two institutions yielded several surprises.

According to Dean of Admissions Christopher Covert, the expected mass transfer of Kirkland students that haunted the campus last fall never materialized. Also the projected male/female ratio of 3/2 was not reached. Instead, next year's freshman class will have a ratio of 2 to 1.

More women than expected turned down Hamilton's offer of admission. Covert said that the Admissions office is presently composing a detailed questionnaire to be sent out to all women who applied to Hamilton seeking a reason why Hamilton was less attractive to women. Covert also attributed the decline of women acceptances to the uncertainty of the new coed Hamilton. "We must say to women, 'You have an equal chance,'" commented Covert.

Last winter, the admissions office projected that Hamilton would need 515 new students. Due to the remarkably low attrition rate, the figure last week was reduced to 460.

Women Edge Men

Regarding the quality of next year's freshmen class, the women have a slight edge over the men this year. For example, the women accepted averaged in the top 19 percent of their class while the men averaged in the top 21 percent.

In the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT), men scored on the average 569 in the Verbal and 619 in the Math. Women scored on the average 580 on both the Verbal and Math. The national average for both men and women is 429 in the Verbal and 478 in Math.

For next year, Covert is looking to improve the image of Hamilton for women. Also, as the uncertainties of the merger will cease, the Admissions office should be having an easier time.

Covert added that the letter sent by an Alumni Committee of Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges discouraging students to apply to Hamilton College (see Spectator, May 5) did not seem to have any significant effect. In fact, he said that college guidance counselors had been writing to Covert questioning the validity of the letter.

Trustees Rename Hamilton Campus

By PHILIP RUPPEL

At their meeting last week the Hamilton Board of Trustees decided to change the name of the Hamilton campus and to respond to the Hamilton Action Coalition's concern over investments in South Africa. The Kirkland Board of Trustees also met last weekend to make some final decisions.

The Hamilton Trustees authorized the college to refer to the Kirkland College Campus as the Kirkland Campus of Hamilton College and to refer to the present Hamilton Campus as the Stryker Campus of Hamilton College. According to President J. Martin Carovano, the new name is in honor of Hamilton's ninth president, Melancthon Woolsey Stryker, who served the longest term of any Hamilton president, from 1892 to 1917. During his tenure, Stryker made several major improvements on the college; most of the buildings in the main quad were built during Stryker's presidency.

The Board's Investment Committee, chaired by Ralph Hansmann, also authorized Provost Sidney Wertimer to write to all corporations with interests in South Africa in which Hamilton has investments. The action was in response to the request of a student group, the Hamilton Action Coalition, that Hamilton divest itself of all stocks which are invested in white South Africa. The purpose of the letters is to "express concern," Carovano said.

The Hamilton Board also approved the final budget for the college which will amount to expenditures of $14,500,000 with a deficit of $450,000. A plan has already been effected to have the budget balanced by the 1981-82 year. The Board also approved a two to three year renovation of the Science Building, beginning with the geology area.

Kirkland Trustees

At their meeting, the Kirkland Board focused most of their attention on the application for an order of disposition of property, to be submitted to the New York Supreme Court for approval. The application recommends the transfer of Kirkland real property to Hamilton College. The Court is expected to approve the application sometime this August.

The Board also authorized the remaining $700,000 of Kirkland's endowment to be used in support of women's needs and interests at Hamilton. The board formed an advisory committee composed of one student, two faculty members and three Kirkland alumnae to oversee the endowment. The committee will be self-perpetuating.

The Hamilton Board of Trustees at their last meeting announced the election by the alumni of three new alumni trustees for four year terms. They also selected a replacement for Maurice Clifford, the alumni Trustee who resigned two months ago.

The new trustees are Milton Kayle, Robert Parker and Donald Pollock. H. Paul Lewis is replacing Clifford, serving the remainder of his term until 1980.

Milton Kayle, born and raised in Utica, was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Hamilton in 1943. Receiving his law degree from Harvard, Kayle worked under the Truman administration. He is presently with the law firm Gilbert, Segall and Young in New York City.

Robert Parker, also a graduate of 1943, is presently Vice President and Director of Operations with Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith in New York City. He is also a Member of the Board of Directors there.

Donald Pollock was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Hamilton in 1951. He received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School. He is presently Chief of General Services at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, New York.

Replacing Clifford is another doctor, H. Paul Lewis. Lewis graduated from Hamilton in 1956 and went on to New York Medical College. He is presently a neurosurgeon in Cincinatti, Ohio.

Changing Partners

Food Committee Tries Again

By KATHY HECHT

ARA-Slater has been chosen as the new food service company for the Hill, according to R. Gordon Bingham, dean of students.

They are replacing Service Systems Corporation, who has held the contract for the last eight years. After months of dissatisfaction with the current company, the student food committee, chaired by Guy Arcidiacono '78, requested that bids for next year's contract be solicited. Six different organizations placed bids, excluding Service Systems, who was not reconsidered

ARA-Slater is a billion-dollar corporation whose clients include over 300 colleges, and many hospitals, nursing homes and office cafeterias. Though they were not the low bidder, they provided the best mixture of price, management and expertise to satisfy the college's needs, according to Bingham.

Before considering the bids, the food committee visited various campuses and sampled the food cooked by the different companies. ARA-Slater serves Utica College and Hartwick, both of which are in the area. At Hartwick, the food is reputed to be so good that there are never any complaints and they have not felt the need to form a food committee.

A number of services will be differ from current practices. Now, vegetarian meals are served exclusively at McEwen Dining Hall, and only to those who have declared themselves vegetarians. Next year a vegetarian entree will be on the menu at all three dining halls, and will be available to anyone.

In addition to the weekend brunch, a continental breakfast earlier in the morning will be available to those who choose to rise in time for the meal. The brunch menu will be similar to what it is now.

ARA-Slater is proposing to place computerized machines by each checker. This will enable them to have an accurate count on who is eating where and how many come in to each dining hall. If a student's card is punched in at one dining hall for lunch, then it will not register if that card is then placed in the machine at the other two that same meal. The company has proposed to put a similar machine in at the Bristol snack bar (the Hub), so that if a student misses a meal or doesn't care to go, he may get a specific dollar value credit at the snack bar and use that toward purchasing whatever he may want.

Ted Yoos

Frazer and Colby Depart

By SUSAN CUNNINGHAM

Catherine Frazer, former Kirkland Dean of Academic Affairs and Ursula Colby, literature professor and chairman of the humanities division, have both accepted administrative positions at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina. Frazer will be Dean of the Faculty and Colby will be Associate Dean. Kirkland Assistant Professor Ellen O'Brien earlier accepted a teaching position at Guilford for next year.

Frazer said that her new position would be very similar to the one she held at Kirkland, although Guilford's faculty, numbering over 100, is twice as large as Kirkland's. Colby, who was to be the chairman of the Comparative Literature Department at Hamilton next year, will assist Frazer in administrative functions, in addition to occassional teaching.

Hamilton Antagonism

"I was challenged by the idea of cooperating with Hamilton to make a strong comparative literature program," Colby said. "I'm sorry about leaving the Hill; it's been the central portion of my working life. Naively, I thought things could be worked out. The general antagonism of Hamilton in the last few months has changed things for me."

Founded in 1837, Guilford was one of the first co-educational colleges in the country. A liberal arts school, it has a student population of approximately 1600, including a substantial number of adults. Still strongly influenced by its Quaker origins, the college has a strong interdisciplinary emphasis and includes course offerings in peace studies and problems of the third world.

"IT is a little more traditionally oriented than Kirkland," Frazer said, "but then, most schools are. However, there is the same concern for the individual, and a lot of concern about social and international questions. It has a very socially and politically conscious faculty and student body."

Speaking Becomes a Must

A motion requiring minimum standards in speech has been approved by the faculties at their May 23 meeting. It will take effect beginning with the 1978-79 academic year.

"Freshmen will be required to take a proficiency test in the form of a brief prepared speech, on a topic of his or her choosing given before a small group of freshmen and at least one member of the faculty of the department of Speech," according to the motion, which will appear in the 1978-79 College Catalogue.

Depending on the performance of the student, the department will then recommend whether or not he should enroll in an introductory level speech course, according to the motion.

In addition, if any faculty member is not satisfied with the oral skills of a student, he may indicate that that person has not met the standards of the college. After two such notices, that student must take a remedial program offered by the speech department to increase his speaking abilities.

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To the Class of '78-
The best of luck

The Kirkland Diploma

While coping with the usual commencement anxieties, Kirkland seniors have the additional worries peculiar to being the last graduating class: what will a Kirkland diploma mean and what can a Kirkland graduate call her alma mater ten years from now?

First of all, the present seniors and all Kirkland graduates can comfort themselves with President Babbitt's assurances that a diploma from an accredited, highly-regarded college will always be respected. Moreover, the achievements of past Kirkland graduates will always serve the newer graduates in good stead.

The second question is more difficult to answer. Many women are so bitterly disappointed by the empty rhetoric and reneged agreements of the past year that they have no desire to retain any connections with the "new" Hamilton. At this time, the sentiment is quite understandable. However, we hope that with time, hard feelings will dissipate and Kirkland graduates will renew their connections to the Hill.

Kirkland has strived to impart to its students a sense of exploration and evaluation; like many other women's colleges it has instilled women with the conviction that they are limited only by their own vision.

Women at a coeducational institution can also achieve this conviction, in part through the inspiration of role models. In the future at Hamilton, where women will be in a minority, role models are crucial. Despite the dismaying politicking of the past year, Hamilton will continue long after the memory of Kirkland's demise.

Kirkland students were the pioneers of women's education here. It is important that they come back, next year, in five years or even in fifty to show women here what women can do and did.

A Tribute

This weekend we will be saying goodbye to a multitude of seniors. On the Spectator staff, there is one person in particular to whom we must bid a fond farewell. That person is Bob McCormick.

In his tenure as editor, he faced the challenge of the merger as hints and complaints without facts, and bitterness but no clear understanding of the issue (on the part of those involved in the proceedings). He handled even minor points as though they were the one and only story of the week, and he strove for fairness and accuracy while satisfying the wish to serve the community by presenting them with information they should have. In this way Bob McCormick touched the lives of all of us on the Hill.

Bob will be leaving for good on Sunday. But he will certainly not be forgotten. His leadership on the Spectator has created a model that has influenced our whole staff. We wish you the best of luck, Bob.

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Farmers' Daughters

To the Editor:

As a departing senior and soon-to-be alumnus of Hamilton, I often wonder whether co-education will be the undoing of my alma mater. First chartered to educate noble savages, the school, in order to stay solvent, lowered its standards by admitting local farmboys. Now the trustees have further compromised the integrity of this once-proud institution by admitting farmer's daughters. Is this the price one pays for progress in Clinton?

Despite its early demise as a leading center for the education of native Indians, Hamilton throughout the years has chosen its sons with care. Yet, on what basis should it select its daughters? Perhaps the admissions office might take to heart the following prescription for the ideal woman, since its author is none other than Alexander Hamilton:

Take her description—she must be young, handsome (I lay, most stress upon a good shape), sensible (a little learning will do), well-bred, chaste, and tender (I am an enthusiast in my notions of fidelity and fondness), of some good nature, a great deal of generosity (she must neither love money nor scolding, for I dislike equally a termagant and an economist). In politics I am indifferent what side she may be of. I think I have arguments that will easily convert her to mine. As to religion, a moderate stock will satisfy me. She must believe in God and hate a saint. But as to fortune, the larger the stock of that the better.

So far Covert & Co. has heeded old Al's recommendations. The roster of upcoming freshman co-eds includes a beer heiress and a runner-up in the Junior Miss USA Beauty Contest. To them and to the rest of Hamilton's new-found daughters, remember to learn the words to Carrissima, even if you have to hum the last line.

A true son of Hamilton,
Sanford Stiassini '78

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Letters to the Editor

Urgent Objections

To the Editor:

I have recently been sent a copy of the paper in which the writer in "Guest Spot" has vented her displeasure with certain of Hamilton's attitudes. I think it is past time that Hamilton listen quietly to objections to something that was not only academically sound but fiscally urgent.

For several years it has been customary among college students to express dissatisfaction with the spirit of education at their alma maters. Students aggressively confronted administrations and in those years of hasty accommodation exacted unprecedented influence in the affairs of most universities. Curriculums soon reflected what students believed relevant to the personal growth higher education should prompt, the notion being that students knew best what was best for them. Tradition became a bad word and innovation the Golden Rule.

What so many deans and presidents lost sight of in the bedlam and what most of my generation had not yet got sight of was a sense of perspective. Demands bullhorned from the windows of occupied offices, rocks thrown in rebuttal, people maimed and willing to maim routed most reasonable discussion. Though not a student at the time, I was involved in the ferment on the Hill. It was less precipitous, less disingenuous and less embarrassing to hindsight than events on campuses elsewhere. Hamilton, in large part because it is small and private, because its students and faculty and administration have in a real sense to live with each other, could neither excite nor afford the excesses of her larger sisters. She can stand respectably among those who kept their heads.

Ms. Kruger's recent article in this column typifies the second and least plausible stage of the so-called student movement. It has become a fashionable crusade enfeebled as much by hyperbole as by a remarkable reluctance to fade the facts. Universities (especially Hamilton) are by no means full of entrenched edugogues indifferent to the compexities of educating a generation more sophisticated by some measures than they recall themselves being at twenty.

Of her gripes two ought not go unanswered. First, "the fact that Hamilton must re-review highly qualified Kirkland professors for tenure is" regrettable but not at all abominable. The risk of this union is hardly worth taking if Hamilton declines the responsibility to choose from Kirkland's ranks those men and women whose inclinations and talents are most conducive to the intent of the merger. Anything else, while more gracious, is surely a betrayal of the sort of education Hamilton is putting its reputation and resources on the line to ensure. Second, we forget conveniently that Hamilton's reputation is identical in the long run to the reputations of its graduates. She has not cut off her nose to spite her face and it is a mark of her success. It is also one reason Hamilton chose to assume a debt equal to one-third her endowment, something most economists agree is foolish in the best of times, which this is not. Hamilton's concerns are economic precisely because of us. In fact, her neck is stuck out on a matter of educational principle as well and, like it or not, it is quite exclusive of the matter of profit for which Ms Kruger chastises her.

Education is too complacent in America and we are over-fond of the path of least resistance. Equal tape for dancers is a fair request. Branding Hamilton an "impersonal corporation" is inaccurate as it is offhanded.

Scott Wright '75
Malaysia

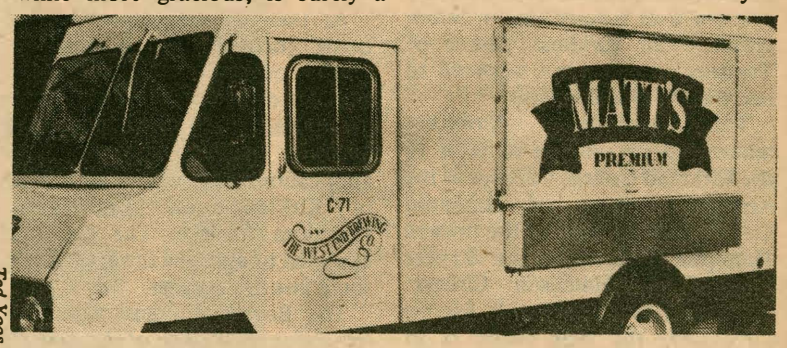
Poorly Researched

To the Editor:

As a founding member of HAC I find the Spectator's *On Divestiture* editorial to be poorly researched and poorly formulated. Not once in HAC's brief history has a Spectator editor ever contacted any member of HAC to enquire of the group's activities, aims, tactics, or rationales. No editor has enquired why HAC is not undertaking letter writings to national leaders (HAC is focusing attention on Hamilton's specific role in financing apartheid); no editor has inquired if HAC is contacting the corporations to "question their financing of oppression" (HAC has got the Board of Trustees to do this); no editor has enquired why HAC wishes to make the symbolic gesture of divestiture (the gesture made by divestiture would not be HAC's, it would be Hamilton College's. Thus, divestiture would have an important effect on the corporation, with which Hamilton enjoys a symbiotic relationship. For example: IBM supplies 60% of South Africa's computers. IBM donated much of the money used to build the newest wing of the Science Building).

It sorrows me that the Spectator has chosen to take a stand against divestiture based on such ill-founded research and interpretation. I sincerely hope that next year's Spectator attempts to learn all the facts before it formulates an opinion.

Jonathan Gartner '80



Ted Yoos

Recognize Reality

To the Editor:

During the past year I have read your newspaper with interest and appreciation. Your coverage has been most helpful to a confused and somewhat disturbed alumnus of Hamilton.

The articles of the April 28 issue report the resignation of one trustee and the withdrawal of support of two other prominent gentlemen. While I do not know their motivation, I write to point out a major source of disappointment which I have felt in the columns of the Spectator.

I refer to the failure to recognize that an institutional merger requires the voluntary surrender of personal prerogatives for the sake of the new college. While I have no personal knowledge of current administrative figures, I am sure some individual males must be replaced with women in high level positions if the new institution is to have any credibility. Thus, I felt that, no matter how excellent the Dean might be, his position demanded a woman.

The Spectator obviously disagreed and sympathetically reported an upsurge of feeling for the current male incumbent. The point is that good people must be willing to give way in favor of other good people. I regret that your enthusiasm for an individual blinded you to this requirement.

Having participated in an institutional merger in my own career which resulted in my own professional relocation, I can understand the pain in facing this reality. Until the Spectator and my college are willing to recognize this reality, I will share with other alumni in a sense of disappointment in an institution where the qualities of graciousness and the capacity to be a gentle man have been taught and valued.

David McMillan '58

On Risk-taking

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the Spectator for printing Dr. Clifford's humble and eloquent letter of March 11, 1978. (Don't worry about old skeletons let's; let's hope that Kirkland is never put in the closet). I'm sorry that he has joined the list of men of conscience to resign their services to the College(s).

From being in K-J last May, when President Babbitt made the first announcement, to writing from Minnesota these final thoughts, it has been a difficult year. It is comforting that he most recent information from the Hill seems to be saying that the new school is going to be "OK"--but may it be said that this will be in spite of President Carovano and many others who were too weak to take the risk of learning and opted for the safety of comformity.

Uniqueness and risk taking are somtimes irrational and hard to organize and shape, at times frustrating...but the reward in the end is more than "everything coming out in the wash," which is mediocre at best, the reward is creativity, diversity, growth, enlightenment, the stuff that life is made of.

Hamilton has turned its back on the opportunity to be a leader in education, this time the risk was not taken. Let us hope that this is not a pattern for the new school, that the next time they are challenged the college will have the guts to take the risk. Otherwise the school will be nothing but "clean wash."

Lisa Schilling Greenman '77

Good Issue

To the Editor:

I want to congratulate the Spectator on its coverage of the Kirkland disaster, especially the supplement "A Kirkland Retrospect" and your interview with Sam Babbitt. I wish every Hamilton alumnus could get a copy.

Philip Jessup '18

Not in Our Stars — Scott Klein

We Gotta Believe

I've spent much of my four years calling for a new Pub. An expanded facility that would encourage interaction. A place where you could talk, relax, meet friends. At present, the second floor of the library comes closest to serving this function. Pretty sad.

We always hear complaints about the colleges' social life. And for good reason. Clinton is not a college town. The college does not provide an adequate social facility. In addition, there is an equallly important problem.

"The fault, (dear Brutus), is *Not in Our Stars*, but in ourselves."-*Julius Caesar.*

Alas, the title of my column. (Had you been wondering?)

Yes, in ourselves. We do not want to truly give of ourselves and instead too often play calculated games, games that we hope will give us maximum satisfaction with the smallest amount of effort. No risk. But generally the satisfaction gained is minimal.

We think that by being unwilling to share our feelings with others we are strong. We are secure and self-reliant. When in fact, we are simply afraid. Afraid of letting others inside. Our so-called strength is actually a weakness. A weakness that stifles individual growth and fulfillment.

An interesting phenomena that characterizes our fear and gaming approach to "friendship" is the way in which we say hello to friends and acquaintances on campus.

You are walking and you see him (or her.) You both took Modern France, spring of your sophomore year. He lived next door to your roommate last year in North. You were both rushed by one of the same houses freshman year. Have talked occasionally, but haven't seen each other in quite a while. You approach one another. Twenty, fifteen, ten feet. Am I close enough to say "hello?" Don't want to come on too strong. Should I even say anything? Did he say something the last time we passed? Maybe I'll wait for him to greet me first. Or maybe I'll point my eyes toward the pavement and keep on walking. I'll have an excuse-didn't see him. No, I'll do it. But should I just say "Hi" or mention his first name too?

Strange, very strange. We get so wrapped up. Afraid of what others will think. Being unfriendly and impersonal is the ultimate response. Walking with your head to the ground is an acknowledgement of your inability and unwillingness to cope.

The community does have a friendly demeanor. People do greet you and ask how you are doing. We talk about the weather a lot. The weather is big. But beyond the surface level, we are not particularly open with each other. We are too afraid of what others will think, looking at ourselves all too seriously. I am not suggesting that we take pains to stand out, nor that we should not be serious about our thoughts and feelings and about those of others. We must, however, be willing to open ourselves up, laugh at ourselves and give up senseless mind games to gain true satisfaction. We need a new pub. But that is not all.

This is it. This is my last column. At least as a regular feature of this publication. (I can see it now, next to Tom Wicker on the op-ed page of the New....) Oh yeah, where was I? Oh, that's right-my final column. Oh, yes. All you fraternity die-hards, junk food addicts and merger mongers can breathe a little more easily. You won't have Scott Klein to kick you around anymore. And me...I'm going to retire to a villa out in Deansboro, raise geese and sell waffle irons and convertible sofas.

> "The fault, (dear Brutus), is Not in Our Stars, but in Ourselves." -Juluis Caesar

In closing, may I repeat the 1973 Met's pennant winning cry, "You Gotta' Believe." And say enjoy yourself. Offering my best wishes for a fulfilling future. Adios.

P.S. And may all your consequences be happy ones.

Guest Spot — Merrill Fliederbaum

Crises and Crystal Balls

Contrary to the popular myth, the mental activity of secondsemesterHamilton seniors is not represented by a downward sloping curve that reaches its nadir in the week of organized frivolity known as "Senior Week." While the second semester senior may display a marked disdain for classroom academics, many are in the throes of feverish introspection, desperately grasping for a satisfactory understanding of their experiences over the past four years, and, for some indication of what lies ahead after they receive their walking sticks.

Recently, however, with the increasing strength of the realization that the class of '78 is Hamilton's last all male class (the relationship is roughly one of inverse proportionality; the fewer the number of days to commencement, the stronger the realization that a 166 year old male bastion has been breached) comes an urge to speculate about the future of this college; the Hamilton of future viewbooks and glowing alumni review prose. Interestingly, a feeling of deprivation has arisen to challenge my feeling of elation that the four year hitch is up. We served on the committees, attended the meetings, and endlessly debated the issues of the never unanimously accepted "merger." But, we would not be present when the new reality eased out the old.

Much has changed since the faculty wives served donuts and coffee in the Dunham courtyard to the arriving freshmen in September of '74. It is not necessary to recount the official chronology of the past four years, or to rehash the major sore points of the past year. What interests me is the next five years, when the applicant pool contrasts substantially while the costs of labor and energy continue to skyrocket. What attributes of the old coordinate colleges will be deemed the "best of both" and targeted for implementation--and which will be consigned to the pedagogical till the product be so much different from what we have now.

In this light I offer two scenarios of the not so distant future of Hamilton College. First, the version which some may call the "I told you so" vision of Hamilton in the mid-eighties:

From the Spectator, April 15, 1984:

"...the decision to abolish the Women's Center and the departments of sociology, art, and dance came one month after the Senate refused to enlarge Federal tuition assistance for private college students, and only two weeks after the chair of the Trustees' Budget and Finance Committee reported that "significant retrenchment" would be necessary to close the massive budget deficits anticipated for the late 80s. The cuts mean that many tenured faculty--especially those late of Hamilton's defunct coordinate partner--will lose their jobs. By the close of the 1983-84 academic year, when the terminal contracts of the last non-tenured faculty formerely employed by Kirkland College expire, almost all that remains of the short-lived, self-styled progressive women's college, will be lost...President Carovano defended the announced changes in the curriculum, and denied that he or any member of the Board of Trustees harbored any latent resentment to those aspects of the Kirkland philosophy which survived the merger, now almost six years old. The President cited the national economic uncertainties, especially the lack-luster recovery from the recession of '82, as the factors which necessitated the radical action. Students in McEwen Dining Hall showed little concern as to whether the reasons for the changes were fiscal or philosophical. Instead, most were eager to discuss the 33% tuition increase announced in chapel by the Provost last Monday...despite the budgetary crisis, the fieldhouse roof, which collapsed under six inches of snow last January, will be replaced, the cost to be borne by an annonymous contributor who has already agreed to foot the bill..."

I prefer, however, a different version of the next couple years:

From the Spectator, September 16, 1984:

"...flanked by the Chair of the Trustees and the students recently appointed to sit on the Trustee committees, President Carovano outlined the goals of the new AMENITIES FOR HAMILTON campaign, which has quietly gathering pledges of support these past few weeks. First and foremost will be the construction of multi-level dining hall/student union complex to rise on the site of the soon to be razed Commons, which was gutted by fire last July. At the same time that the new building rises on "Stryker's central quadrangle," an auditorium/theater will be built between McEwen Hall and the List Arts Center, completing the academic plant of the Kirkland campus...The announcement of the new capital campaign was followed by a detailed explanation of the expanded and revamped Artist-in-Residence program, made possible by major foundation funding...

"...The 1984 Adler Conference convened at Little Moose Lake last weekend, and the participants all agreed that a weekend in the Adirondacks is preferable to a rainy autumn weekend on the Hill, despite the incessant rain in the 'dacks. Adler participants were gratified to learn that the class of '88 compares very favorably to recent incoming classes, and was one of the most geographically and socially diverse in recent memory. At the same time they were astonished to learn that recent "redeployment" of endowment funds would probably mean tuition funds could be maintained for at least one more year. Similarly, on a lighter note, though, it was reported that there was widespread satisfaction with the quality of the college dining plan. Now, if only NESCAC would modify its post-season tournament rules..."

Well, so much for prognostication. Reality, however, will probably be very different from even our most educated and informed predictions. But, that doesn't detract from the theraputic value of fantasizing about the future of the ol' alma mater.

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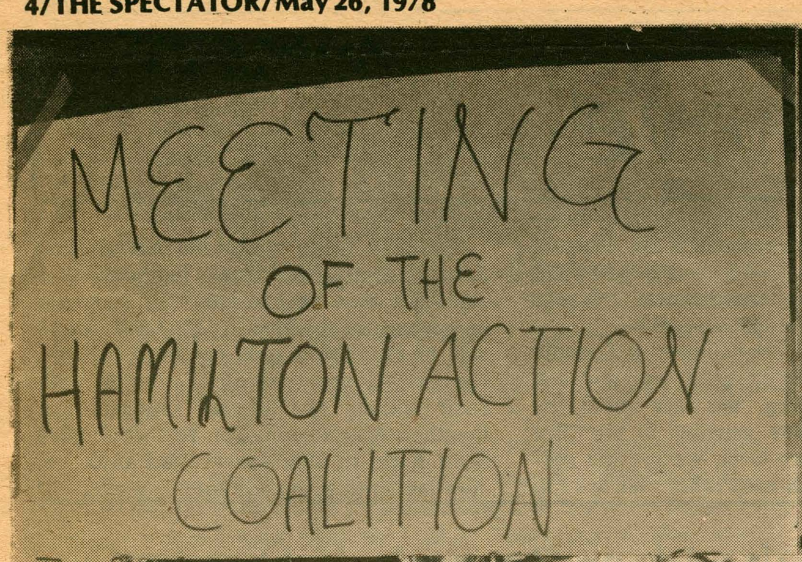

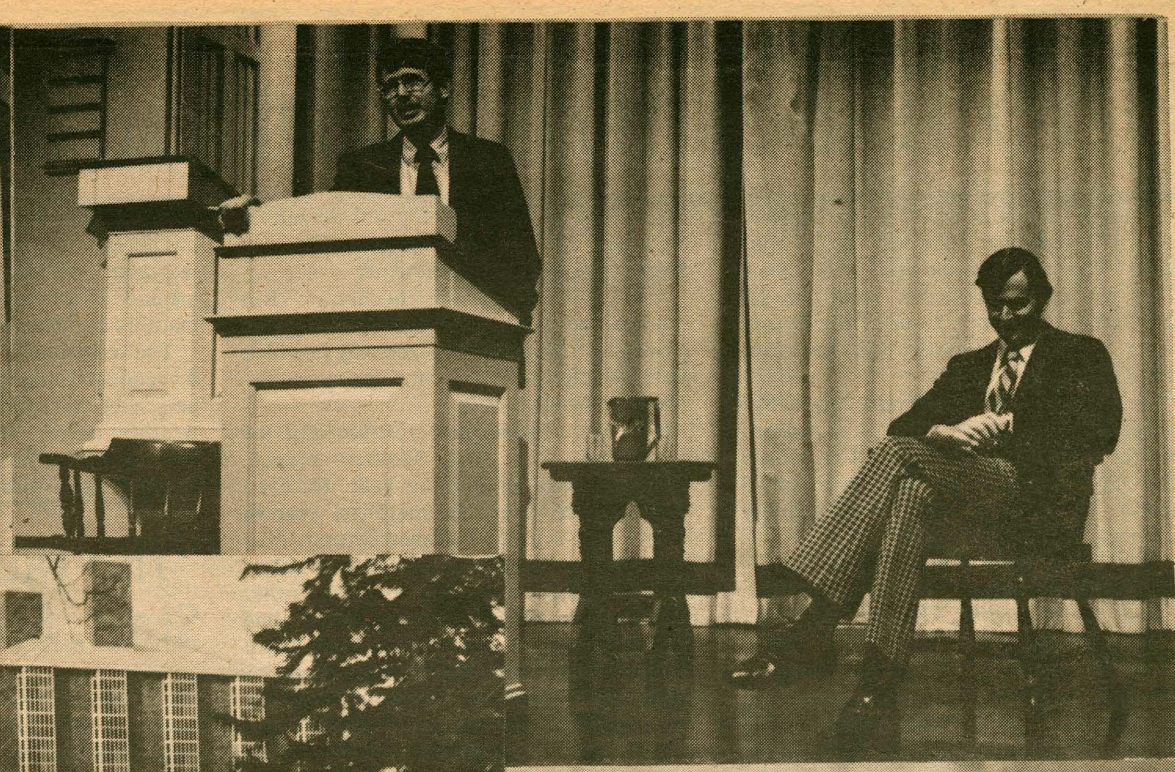

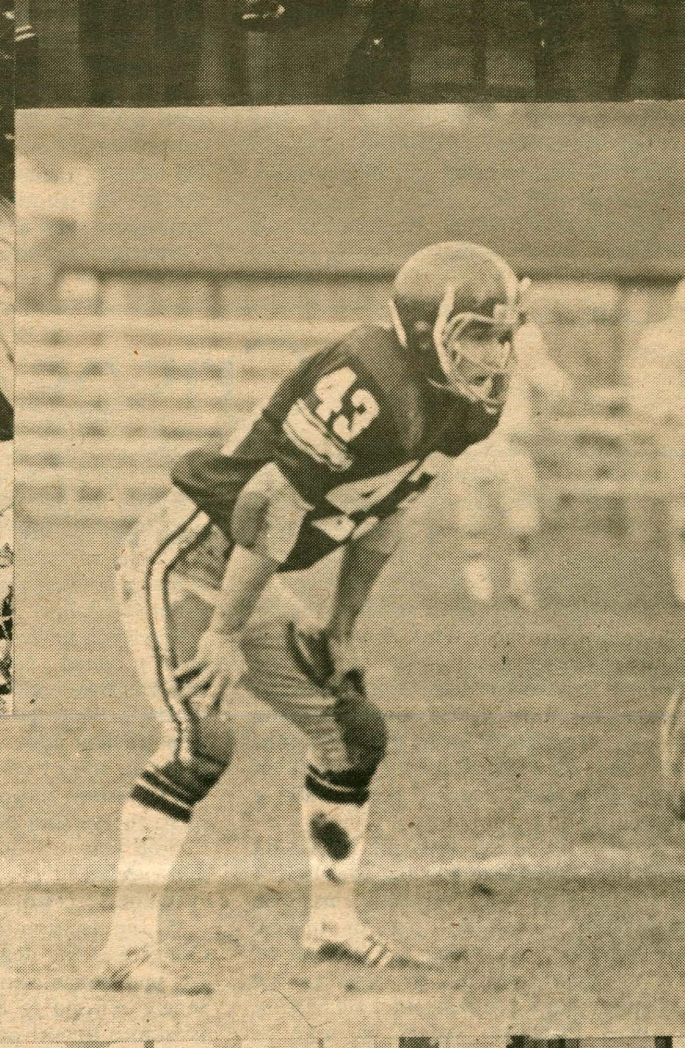

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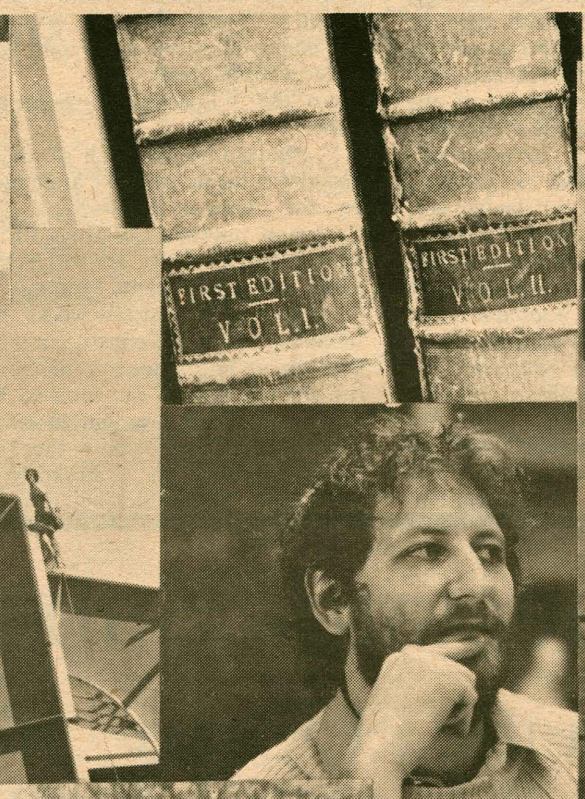

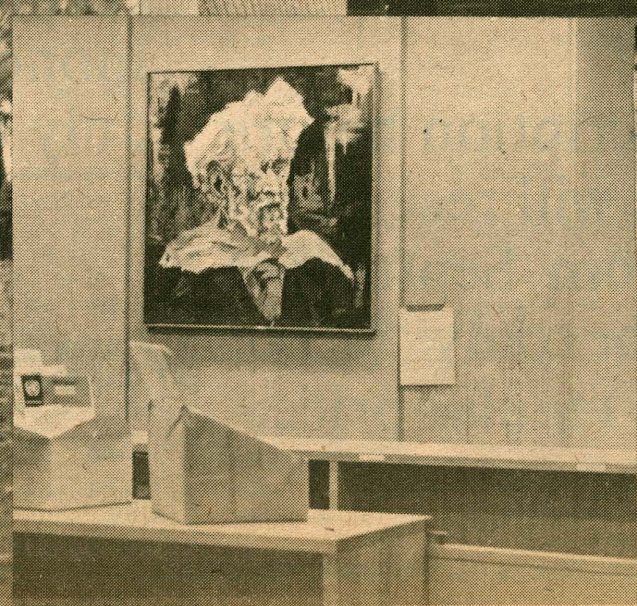

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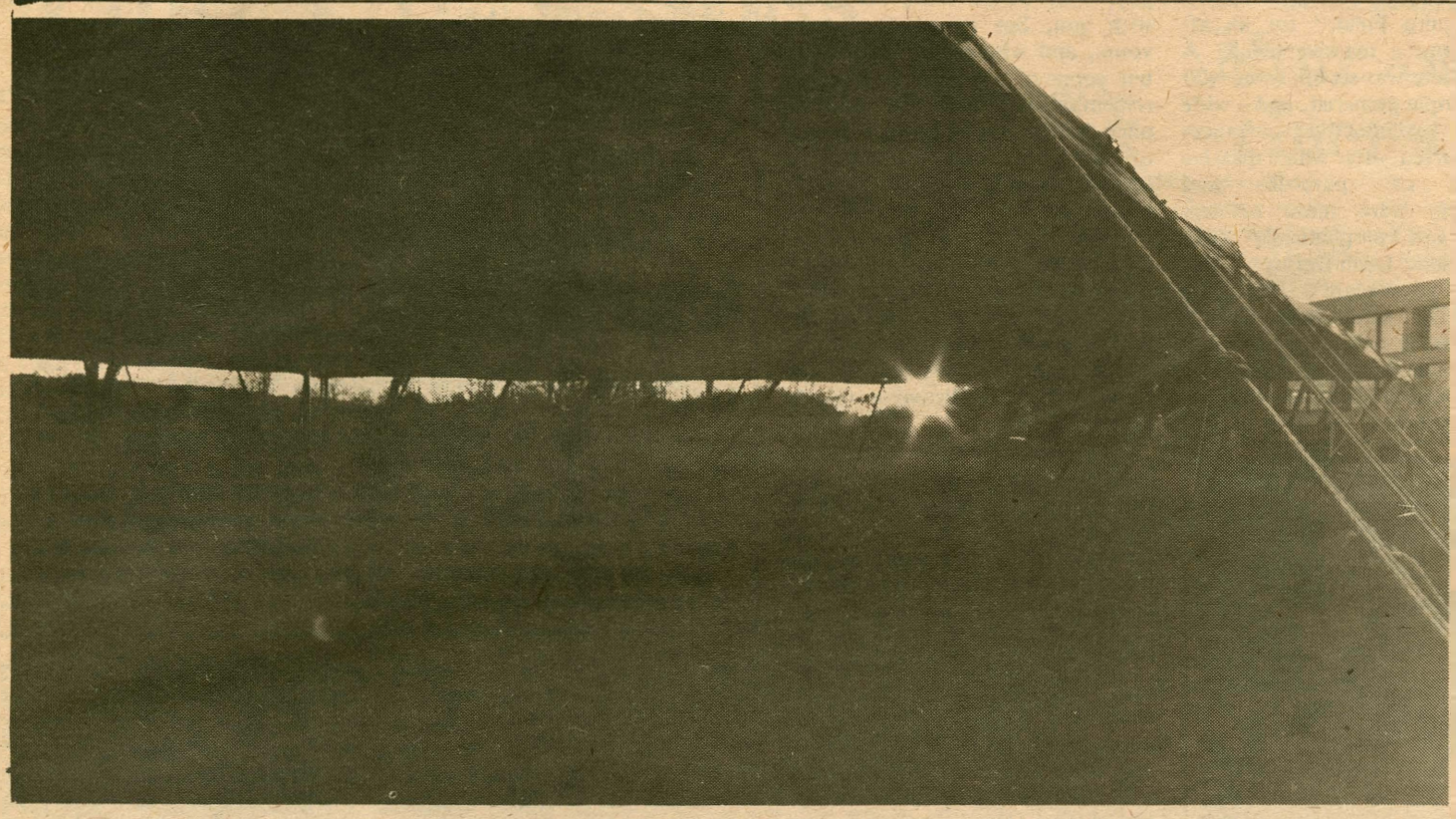

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'Digger'

By PHILIP RUPPEL

At Sunday's commencement exercises, Hamilton College will honor one of its finest and perhaps most famous professors, Edgar "Digger" Graves. Graves will receive an honorary degree as well as give a short speech on behalf of the five other honorary degree recipients at graduation.

Graves, professor emeritus of history, taught on the Hill for over 40 years. Before that, he attended Haverford College, where he received his A.B. AND Harvard University where he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. He has also received an honorary L.L.D. from his alma Mater, Haverford.

In the early twenties, when Digger was studying at Kings College in London, the dean of Harvard and the then Hamilton President Frederick Carlos Ferry were crossing the Atlantic together. Ferry asked the Dean whether he knew of someone who would be able to teach History at Hamilton. Ferry was then referred to Graves, who, after asking around in London about the reputation of the tiny college in Clinton, New York, and being subsequently satisfied with the response, found himself in 1927 teaching on the Hill.

At Hamilton Digger was Chairman of the History Department for many years, as well as Dean of the Faculty during World War II under President Cowley. After his retirement in 1969, Graves returned last winter term to teach a course in 12th Century Renaissance.

Certainly Digger's finest and grandest achievement is his monumental, "Bibliography of English History to 1485," the result of 20 years' work. It is for this work, which has been praised by innumerable reviewers, as well by Sir Richard Southern, President of the Royal Historical Society and one of the most important English historians that Hamilton is honoring Digger Graves with the hood of the College.

Millicent McIntosh: The First Pioneer

By CAROLINE SMITH

"I was brought up in a family that thought that it was a good idea for woman to have a life of her own," said Millicent McIntosh, former chairman of the original Kirkland planning committee, and the speaker for this year's final Kirkland graduation.

Millicent McIntosh's list of accomplishments, which includes raising five children and running a home, is monumental. She received an A.B. degree from Bryn Mawr in 1920, a Ph.D from Johns Hopkins, and additional degrees from Smith, Douglass, Bates, Case Institute of Technology, Columbia, and Princeton. She taught English on the elementary level, served as Freshman Dean of Bryn Mawr, and in 1952 was appointed President of Barnard. She also served as director of the CBS Corporation, vice-chairman of the Carnegie Foundation, and as trustee for both the New York Public Library and the United Nations International School. In 1948 she received the Roosevelt medal for leadership of youth and development of character, and was named Woman of the Year by the American Association of University Women in 1952.

McIntosh has been involved with Kirkland since its inception, and at age 80, continues to serve as trustee emerita. She met the late Robert McEwen, former president of Hamilton, through the Empire State Foundation, an organization of liberal arts colleges in New York which "went to corporations to get money for colleges," McIntosh said. On the committee, "we were paired off together, and I got to know him quite well," she added. At that time, McEwen informed her of his desire to increase the curricular possibilities at Hamilton, and shortly afterwards a committee of Hamilton faculty went to visit the Claremont college cluster in California, and the idea for a similar cluster at Hamilton evolved.

President Emerita

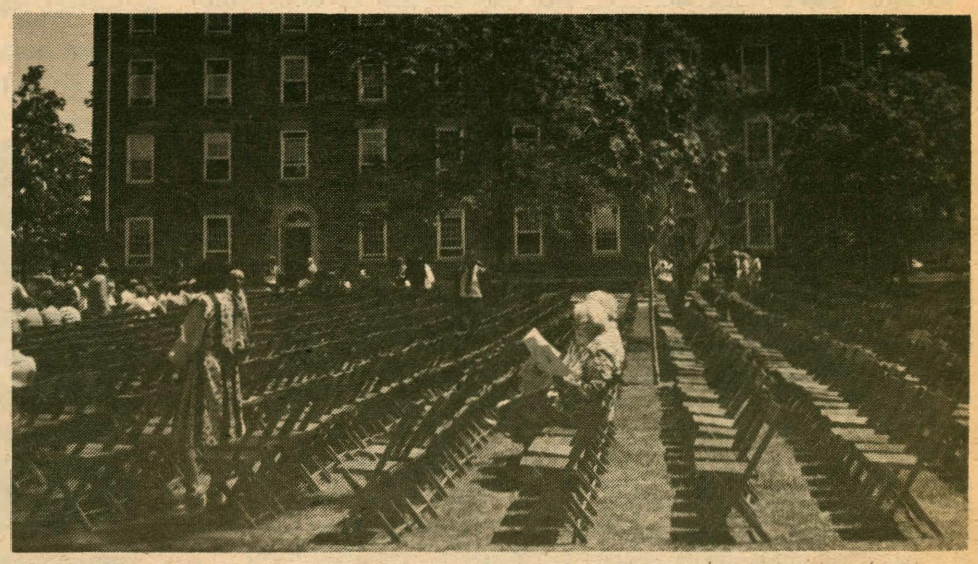
In 1962, McIntosh retired from the presidency of Barnard, and put all of her energy into the formation of Kirkland. Barnard and Columbia are coordinate colleges in the same fashion as Hamilton and Kirkland, each with its own faculty, trustees, and administration, but "the Kirkland educational philosophy turned out to be completely different from that of Barnard," she said. "Walter Bienecke and McEwen chose a committee of people representing different kinds of educational philosophies," and they "asked us to have a different educational philosophy for Kirkland. Hamilton had always been a very traditional school; its curriculum was very similar to the curriculum at Bryn Mawr before World War I." The younger members of the committee, including the author Marya Mannes and the heads of the graduate departments of Sarah Lawrence and Marlboro Colleges were those with the greatest interest in a non-traditional approach, noted McIntosh.

On Saturday, Millicent McIntosh will speak about the curriculum and educational philosophy of Kirkland- why it was made the way it was, who was involved in the early stages, and how the president of the new college was chosen.

When asked about her hopes for the future of Hamilton she said: "I hope that if everybody is patient, out of it will come a very fine co-educational institution. The people involved are anxious to preserve as much of Kirkland as they can, which will mean more democracy- a greater voice for students. It will depend on how patient and tactful people are."

Active Mothers

One of McIntosh's main concerns is the continuation of the women's center. "It's equally important for men to be aware of women's special problems," she said. The success of the co-ed school will depend on the willingness of the students to participate in an "equal partnership." This same understanding and sympathy should extend to the family structure; McIntosh married Dr. Rustin McIntosh, a pediatrician who had discovered that "women who stayed in the home didn't make very good mothers," she said. "it was his understanding that "Made it possible for me to continue my work on a high level," she added.



Yearbook Photo

A Host of Honoraries

Along with some 380 members of the class of 1978 on both sides of the Hill who will be receiving degrees this weekend, Hamilton College will present honorary degrees to six people who have earned distinctions in their fields. Edgar Graves, one of the recipients, will speak on their behalf at the commencement exercises.

Receiving Doctor of Humane Letters:

•Edgar Graves (see article)

• R. Hawley Truax '09; Founder of Hamilton's Honor Code and co-founder of the *New Yorker* magazine. He has been active in the field of philosophy, endowing the Truax Visiting Professorship and the Truax Lectures in memory of his father, Chauncey S. Truax.

•Barbara Tuchman; Received an A.B. in 1933 from Radcliffe College, and pursued a career in journalism with a tenure as a war correspondent. She received the Pulitzer Prize in 1963 for her best selling book "The Guns of August."

•Roger Young; Graduate of Oxford University, currently Headmaster of the George Watson's College, Edinburgh, Scotland. Each year his school has sent one outstanding graduate to Hamilton College for one year of study.

Receiving Doctor of Laws:

•Ernest Boyer; Graduated with a B.A. from Greenville College, and a M.A., Ph.D., and Ll.D. from University of Southern California. In 1970 he was appointed to the Chancellorship of the State University of New York, a position he currently holds.

•Sol Linowitz '35; Graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Hamilton and went on to Cornell to receive his J.D. He has been on the boards of trustees of Hamilton College and Cornell University, as well as the Xerox Corporation, where he served as chairman. He has recently been involved with the negotiations of the Panama Canal Treaty as the chief American participant.

VETTERS TO SPEAK FOR SENIORS

Victor Vetters '78 will speak at the graduation ceremonies this Sunday on behalf of the Baccalaureate recipients. Vetters was chosen by a committee composed of former Student President Rich Guertin, Senior Class President Barrett Hickman, Professor of Philosophy Russell Blackwood and Professor of Speech Warren Wright. He will give a short speech concerning the "Hamilton experience."

Graduation Weekend Schedule

FRIDAY:	8:30	Babbitt reception in McEwen for Kirkland
SATURDAY:	8:20	Decorate Kirkland Tent
	11:30-1	Buffet lunch for Kirkland grads and guests in McEwen
	1:40	Kirkland academic procession
	2:00	Kirkland College Graduation in the tent
	4:00	Champagne reception in McEwen
	5:30-6:30	Presidential reception for Hamilton grads in Bristol
	9 p.m.	Concert in the Chapel (choir)
SUNDAY -	11:00	Baccalaureate Service
	11:30-1	Buffet lunch for Seniors and guests in Commons
	2:15	Academic procession in the Quad (rain-Rink)
	2:30	Hamilton College Graduation

More Than a Banjo-Picker

Folk Festival's Fensterer Defined

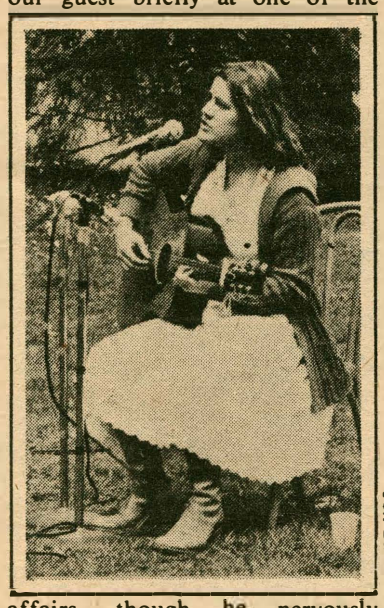
Editor's Note--Several weeks ago, Feature Editor Caroline Smith wrote an article on the Stephen Fensterer Memorial Folk Festival. The following is a letter received by Smith from John Swinney, a roommate of the late Fensterer.

While on the Hill for Folk Festival, I chanced to read your article on Fensterer and was astonished at the degree to which matters in recent memory can become obscure. It seems to have been "no simple task" indeed, and I suspect you did nobly to find what you did--forgive me if I say, however, that the article participates in reality to a very limited extent.

Most important among the aberrations is the characterization of Fen as a "clawhammer" player; in the time I knew him (Sept. of '69 through his death) I saw him do more classical guitar picking than clawhammer banjo. He was primarily a three-finger picker in the style of Scruggs, Keith, and Trischka. It is at least true that his playing was up to professional standards...but whose idea is it that Pete Seeger is any great shakes on a banjo?

Also--"Fensterer made a name for himself on the Hill by performing bluegrass at the coffeehouse and in informal circles...." True enough, but he made a name in two other spheres as well. He and Scott Vickers (to the best of my knowledge Scott spent parts of eight years on the Hill, but never graduated) were exceptional drinkers in a hard-drinking age; my house, Gryphon, was known to go on tap at 4 in the morning midweek because Fen and Scott were broke and not done drinking. Their talents in music, poetry, and general social engineering at such times were more than adequate recompense for the expense.

Secondly, Fen and Scott were the founding fathers of "Fanguitos" (your Spectator quote has got to be a typo--I wasn't present at the performance concerned so I can't say that he and Trischka didn't invent a "Hot Fanguito Rag", but it smells to me of an effort by somebody to use the Spectator for additional publicity for Fanguitos.) "Fanguitos" was a practical joke perpetuated on the predecessor to Dean Bingham, Hadley S. DePuy ("Stretch"). A secret society was founded, complete with membership cards, whose existence was made obvious but whose purpose was carefully kept obscure. It was a period of turbulence, and "In the heat of war protests and counter-culture movements," the existence of a massive organization including the counter cultures and most of the protestors was a source of no little worry to Stretch. Ultimately it was revealed that the entire aim of the organizaiton was to commandeer Griffin Meadow, ever after known as "Fanguito Field," for an afternoon and a massive picnic. A sound system was set up, some 400 or 500 people gathered, and a wide range of psychoactive substances were dispersed, after which massive quantities of spare-ribs and hamburgers were more or less cooked and emphatically consumed, and Dean DePuy was allowed a good night's sleep for a change. The affair was such a success that it continued, fall and spring, for the length of my stay on the Hill, and in fact, Stretch was our guest briefly at one of the



Jon Gartner

affairs, though he nervously declined refreshment. I understand the meadow is now overgrown, but for all I know there is a Fanguitos yet in some smaller form. (It is worth noting that, with one shameful exception, the trash from Fanguitos was always collected and ecologically disposed of the next morning. There was an occasion on which Hawley Rhising, Ian Bald, and I discovered some weeks later that this meadow was still littered, and with the help of some folks whose names I never knew, cleared it up. But that was one that Fen didn't run.)

In the spring of '74, I was asked in my capacity as Fen's last roommate, and the last person on the Hill who knew him at all well, to write a blurb about him for the Folk Festival program. The resulting character sketch/bio ran for a couple of years, and contained the lines "He was just a big, clumsy guy, who would share his booze with you, but more often share yours, and who could really pick, but some of us think he's worth remembering," and "he told me once that he turned down a chance to tour with Frank Wakefield to come to Hamilton, and I think it's probably true..." I suspect this was the source of the two quotes from "Particulars"--the latter provides an insight into the process which turns rumor into historical fact. Oh well, if it ain't true, it ought to be, and if Wakefield ever scotches the rumor I'll stop listening to his records.

To turn from criticism to something more constructive: Fen was from someplace in Rhode Island where he spent a good bit of time lobstering and scalloping--he owned his own scallop boat, which he worked for a while after graduation. He had very much of a "Captain Courageous" style about him, the physical aspect of his clumsiness being more a matter of never getting his landlegs back than any deficiency. The verbal aspect was due to his personality--he was one of these HamCol types who can make intellectual contact quickly and easily but has great difficulty making emotional contact. Want and need were no strangers to him, but he could never convince himself that their expression was legitimate. In speech and mannerism he was something of a cross between Big Benjy Pierce (Hawkeye's Father) and Neal Cassidy (see *The Electric Kool Aid Acid Test*), which brought many in the elitist world of 1970 HamCol to the faux pas of taking him for a rube; but those who treated him so generally found themselves with a depleted wallet to an ounce where a fifth had been. He was no fool, either socially or academically.

After graduation, he scalloped for a while, living in a tent on the beach, and then got a job as sales clerk in a liquor store in the area--he said he got to sit around all day drinking and picking and recommending wines to people (did I mention he knew wines?) and slept upstairs--an easy gig. Sometime in October he passed out on his back after an evening's quaffing, vomited, and aspirated the vomitus--see Hendrix, Jimi, the death of. Hence the delicacy you may have encountered about the details of his death. It was a bit of a shock--as an ethnic character, he had an air of permanence; one expected to walk into a fisherman's bar in 2010 somewhere and find him, flabby from forty years of boozing, and picking fit to make Eric Weissberg renounce his gold records....

John R. Swinney '74

NEWS BRIEFS

Damage totaling about $2000 was done to the windshield of a construction truck on the site of the new fieldhouse last weekend, according to Dean of Students R. Gordon Bingham. In addition, some large bricks were smashed. The Gaetano Construction Company, the owners of the machine and the contractors for the building, will foot the bill.

Last weekend there was extensive ceiling tile damage done in Dunham dormitory, and the cost will be charged on a pro rata basis to every resident of the building, said Bingham.

As of May 19, both the Alumni Fund and the Capital Campaign are running "very well," according to Vice-President of Communications Joseph Anderson. The Capital Campaign to date has received well over 11 million dollars.

The Alumni Fund, which has very stiff competion against the Capital Campaign, is 10 per cent ahead of last year's fund, with approximately $264,000 in the till.

Fifty-five students who participated in the recent housing lottery were placed on a waiting list, according to R. Gordon Bingham, dean of students. He expects to place them all in rooms by the time school commences in the fall.

There are ten or eleven empty spaces in the Keehn Co-op and every year a number of students who have drawn rooms never show up, opening more spaces. Also, explained Bingham, he is holding more rooms for freshmen than they will need, just to insure that there are not problems with freshmen housing.

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Jimi Hendrix

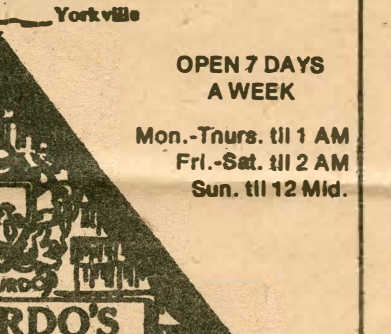
Track, Golf Contingents Wind Up Seasons

The Hamilton track and field team closed out its season on a disappointing note on Saturday, May 13, at the New York State Track and Field Championships. The meet, held at Fredonia, produced no outstanding individual performances, though several members of the team placed well.

Junior Bill Romaine had "the best sixth place that I've ever seen" in the 440-yard dash, according to coach Gene Long. Romaine was timed in 51.4 in his heat, 50.6 in the semi-finals, and 50.7 in the finals. Romaine had been injured for two weeks prior to the meet. As a result, he was unable to compete in the state decathlon meet.

Senior Mark Yurkofsky finished fifth in the triple jump with a jump of 44'4½". Senior Ted Gardner ran two of his most consistent times in the heats and semi-finals of the 110-yard high hurdles, turning in a 15.7 and a 15.8 respectively.

Alice Payne



In the mile, junior Dave McGowan ran a 4:19: 4 to place fifth. Freshman Tom Jasinski finished sixth in the shot put with a throw of 45'10". Senior Dave Burgess ran a strong race in the six-mile, according to Long, as did junior Doug Burgess in the three-mile.

One of the most inspiring performances of the day, said Long, was that of freshman Dave Wilson. Wilson, a George Watson Visiting Fellow from Scotland who will be lost to the team next year, ran a 50.7 quarter in the third leg of the mile relay.

The golf team finished at the Oak Hill Country Club for the Rochester Invitational. Dave Pierce was the low man for the Continentals as he tied for fourth with an 81. Coach Don Jones said that the rest of the team found the course "a little more difficult than they expected." The team has elected Bob Johnson captain for next year.

That Championship Season

That Championship Season will be performed by the Hamilton Kirkland Charlatans in Minor Theater tonight at 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Written in 1972 by Jason Miller, it was originally produced by Joseph Papp, for the New York Shakespeare Festival. Before it opened on Broadway, it was taken to the New York State Supreme Court for excessive obsenity.

Directed by John Moon, the Charlatan production stars Finley Harckham as George and Bruce Mandia as Phil, both of whom are members of a High School basketball team and are meeting for their 20th reunion. Also in the cast are David Breitbarth, Allen McCullough and Gene Scheer.

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Letter to the Editor

More on Humor

To the Editor:

I am, as those who read the humor issue will realize, the staff member of four years to whom you referred in your editorial reply in the last issue of the Specatator (May 12). I feel it is necessary to clarify a few points raised by your statement and the Publications Board's decision concerning the short-lived humor issue.

The blurb that caused this controversy was not inserted in order to "get even" for the censorship of the original blurb. I believe that anyone who reads closely the blurb in question will recognize that it was written in a purely humorous vein. I also agree completely with the other contributors to the issue who stated in the last Spectator that the blurb was in no way inconsistant with the taste, form, and content of the other materials in the issue. I state emphatically that we did not deliberately defy your order not to print the blurb. Given the nature and content of the other material which had already been approved for publication, we sincerely believed that the altered version would be acceptable, since not only were the most objectionable lines deleted, but the entire theme of the piece was changed.

I asked the Pub. Board simply to order that the confiscated copies be put back into circulation, which, as publisher of the Spectator, it had the power to do. The Board chose to overlook the question of whether the issue deserved to be circulated, and instead focused on whether the Spectator editor had the right to destroy the issue. Given this focus, the Board's decision was disappointing, but not surprising. However, by upholding your position, it not only affirmed that right, but implicitly agreed that the issue should not be circulated.

It disturbs me greatly that in a campus such as Hamilton and Kirkland, where the freedom of expression and openness to others' ideas are valued highly, anyone would see the need to censor material as tame as that in the humor issue, which was in better taste than most other college humor issues--including those published at Hamilton--which we used as guidelines in creating this year's issue. It is even more disturbing that the Pub. Board would support such an act.

This situation is particularly ironic because last fall the Board rejected a proposal for a separate humor magazine in favor of having The Spectator publish a humor issue, in order to save money. Then, when some students attempted to publish such an issue, not only did the editor of the Spectator seize all the remaining copies of that issue, but the Board refused to overrule her decision. How quickly they forget.

By publishing under the auspices of The Spectator, we were forced to allow someone who was not involved in any way with the creation or the production of the issue to tell us what to print. Clearly, this was our biggest mistake--to assume that a group publishing a humor issue under the auspices of The Spectator would be free of censorship. The fate of this most recent humor issue makes it highly unlikely that ther will be another Spectator humor issue.

Your confiscation of the humor issue was simply an act of censorship, one which you perhaps had the right to make, but one which was completely uncalled for given the situation. You claimed in your editorial reply that you seized the issue because of your "duty to the community as editor." Recognizing that it is a *college* community with which we are dealing, my only response is: "Is this what the community would really have wanted?"

Steve Brennen '78

P.S.--The primary intention of Article 4, Section 2 of the Student Publications Constitution is not to prevent censorship from an outside source, but to prohibit someone from using student fees to publish materials which appeal, or are made available, only to an exclusive group of students (e.g., fraternity, club, society, or class).

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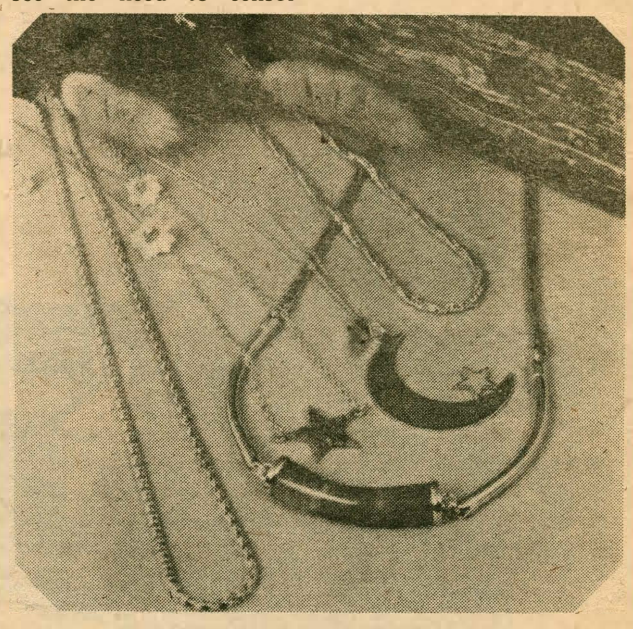

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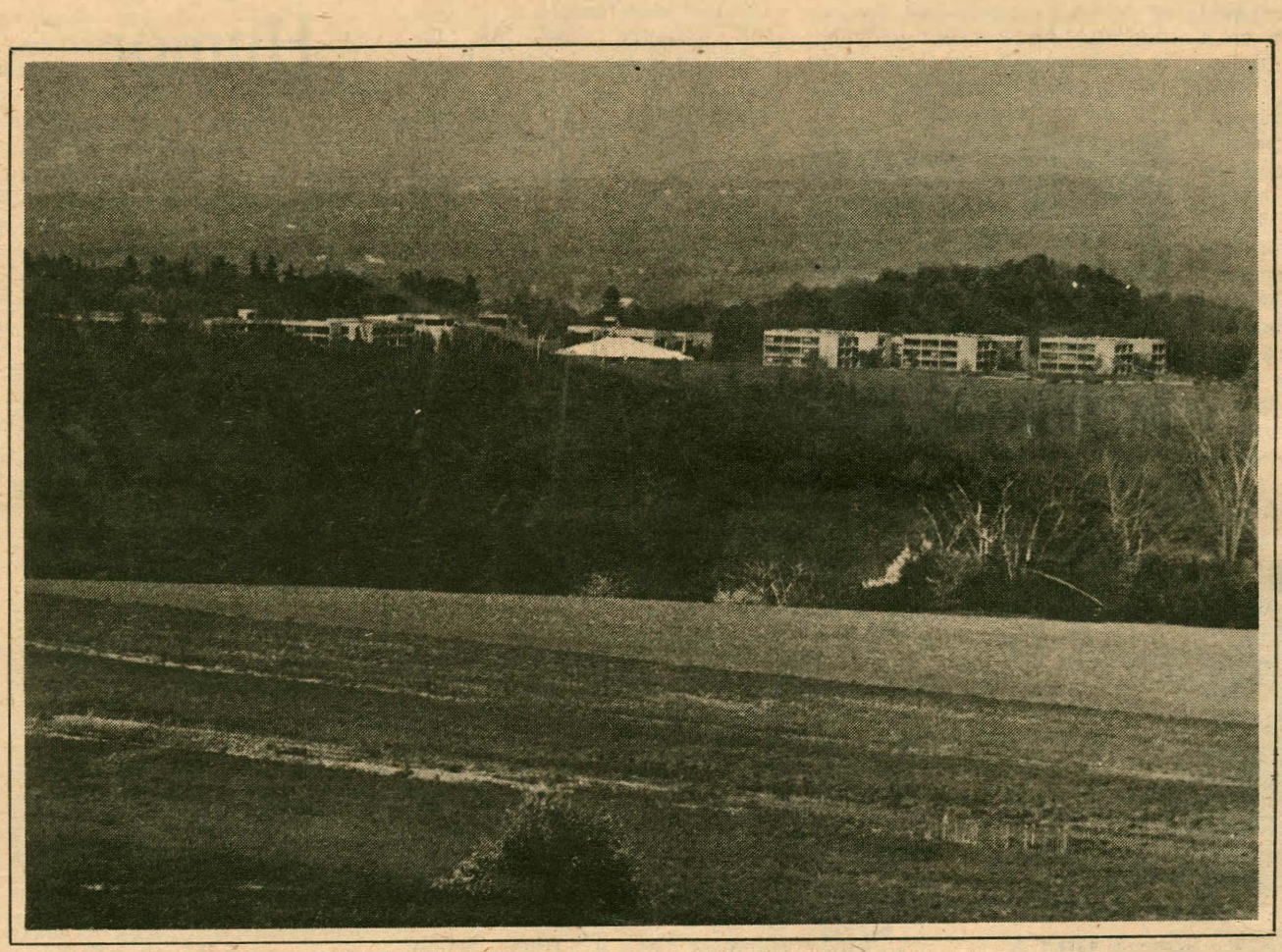

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